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Motohito KANASHIMA et al. : Attn: BOX PCT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

A¹ This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/03550 filed June 1, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

A² 3. (Amended) The immunoassay according to claim 1, wherein an anti-fibrinogen antibody and/or an anti-fibrin antibody are used as the antibody reacting with human fibrin-like related substances.